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Message from the Director, Training and Exercise

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Everyone, Thank you for continuing to provide high quality training programs to our responder community. The month of June has started off with multiple fires across the state and the activation of the State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC). As a result of the activation of the SEOC it may take our staff longer to respond to questions and concerns than normal.

For those that were not able to attend a re-authorization workshop due to personal or professional circumstances, and pre-coordinated with ADEM, we will be conducting a make-up workshop in the very near future.

Thanks, John

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Special Announcements

Only 52 of 92 instructors have returned their *Training Standards Agreement*. Deadline has been extended until Friday 3 June!! **We will not be able to select you for future classes if you do not return this agreement!**

Only 31 of 92 instructors have completed the *online survey* for our recent instructor workshops. Remember, your feedback will help shape future authorization workshops and instructor proficiency requirements.

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As stated in the recent instructor workshops, be sure you are printing travel forms directly from our website. We are still receiving travel claims on old forms, claims that are incomplete, not signed and/or missing back-up documentation (ie: un-itemized receipts). These issues cause delays in processing other instructor's travel claims. In an effort to help avoid additional processing delays to those instructors who turn in correct and complete travel claims, all incorrect travel claims will be set aside until we have time to contact the instructor to fix the errors. To avoid having any delays associated with your travel claim be sure you are using the form on our website, filing in all the required information, signing it and attaching all required back-up documentation (ie: itemized receipts). If you feel that the travel claim form is difficult to understand or to utilize, please send Becky & I your suggestions for improving the form.

FEMA/ICS Training Programs

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I want to welcome the following new instructors:

Linda Mason: Multi-Hazards for Schools and PIO Instructor

Ethan Riley: PIO Instructor

Frank Salomon: PIO Instructor

Michelle Smith: Access and Functional Needs Instructor

John Wisner: HSEEP and ICS Instructor

Thank you Gilbert Fire Administration for allowing us to host our last Adjunct Instructor Workshop. Thank you again to all that have attended and I truly value your input.

Remember to turn in your signed Training Standards Agreement and complete the on-line workshop survey. See the Special Announcements section for specific details.

FEMA Certificates Only Classes, MHEPS, CERT TtT Programs

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The **MAL362: Multihazard Emergency Planning for Schools Train-the-Trainer (TtT)** has been scheduled for September 13-15, 2011. It is in ERMA under event #1001471. Everyone is going to be listed as *PENDING AGENCY APPROVAL* until they complete an EMI/FEMA 119-25-1 application. Please see the entry in ERMA for additional information. It will count towards your instructor continuing education for 2011-2012.

The instructor *Continuing Education* requirements run from June 1, 2011 – May 31, 2012. If you have questions regarding what will count towards your *Continuing Education* requirements please feel free to contact any of the Training Coordinators **prior** to taking the training and/or attending a conference.

All ADEM Adjunct Instructors must complete **MAIS265: Basic Instructional Skills** course no later than May 31, 2012. The course can be found online at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is265.asp>.

Hazardous Materials & Homeland Security Programs (ADEM Funded & Certificates Only)

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Sorry for not having announced dates in May for HazMat Working Groups. The month of May kind of got away from me. By the time you read this, I should be sending out dates for June working groups, so keep an eye out and check ERMA. The courses will be listed under course numbers beginning with "MAU".

For those seeking Continuing Education opportunities in HazMat, check our website for info on these programs: <http://www.dem.azdema.gov/preparedness/training/hs.html#resident> (must be active emergency response):

- HazMat related classes at the Center for Domestic Preparedness
- Security and Emergency Response Training Center in Pueblo
- Radiological/Nuclear Operations class in Nevada
- Advanced Chemical and Biological Integrated Response Course in Utah.

State Exercise

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The planning for the 2011 Arizona Statewide Exercise is continuing. We conducted our Mid-Planning (MPC) and Master Scenario of Events List (MSEL) Conference June 1-3. These were very productive meetings but we still have a great deal more to organize before STARTEX Nov. 3. The exercise is growing in scope. There will not only be EOC activities but there will be National Guard and 1st responders participating in rubble pile activities at Phoenix Special Ops and the Glendale Fire facility. We have started to identify all of the locations where Controllers and Evaluators will be needed in the state. If agencies cannot fill these positions, we will then conduct a call to all instructors to populate the areas where assistance is still needed. Stay tune for more up to date exercise information.

State Exercise

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I attended our Statewide Mid-Planning (MPC) and Master Scenario Event List (MSEL) Conference. It was great to listen on how different agencies plan on integrating with other agencies to accomplish a common goal. I am excited to be part of the Statewide Exercise working group, External Affairs and to learn a new area of Emergency Management.

The selection for the evaluators/facilitators for the Tucson Faithful Ready event to be rescheduled in Sept is pending due to the completion of their final planning. I will keep you posted. Thank you for your patience.

Special Needs Populations/State Exercise

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We are planning a Volunteer Organizations Tabletop Exercise before the end of the year. This exercise will focus on support for the Central Region in the Event of An Improvised Nuclear Device Detonation for half of the tabletop. The other half will focus on regional hazards and regional needs that Volunteer Organizations will support.

California is conducting a pilot course for what was G197 "Special Needs Planning" incorporating the new Functional Needs Support Services guidance in San Diego next month. I will be attending the initial pilot course to learn the updated information to revise the course offerings available through ADEM.

Radiological Emergency Preparedness

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Palo Verde has recently been the recipient of both very good and very challenging news and we can look forward to many more years of REP exercises as a result. First, the operating licenses for all three units have been renewed for an additional 20 years. The initial licenses were set to expire in 2026-2028. They have been extended to 2046-2048. Second, the NRC released its 2010 safety report on the plant and it received a clean bill of health. Finally, we are beginning to get a feel for the preparedness changes that will be occurring in the U.S. commercial nuclear power plant industry as a result of the incident at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant in Japan. They are likely to be many, will focus on "beyond design basis" incidents and will take months to years to implement and exercise.

State Plans

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Wildland Fire Season is here once again in Arizona. Many first response agencies are called in to provide for the public safety as these fires occur. As a State Planner, please know that your training efforts help to educate our responders to be comfortable with knowing and using the various incident management tools to respond to fires in a coordinated fashion. The use of such tools is evident in each response. Thank you for your efforts to instill these principles into our responders. Have a safe month!